



2006 World Affairs Challenge Global Awareness Quiz

Answers in Bold

1. Years of drought have pushed the _____ Desert south, destroying farmland in many countries, including Nigeria, Niger and Mali.

- a. **Sahara**
- b. Savanna
- c. Nigerian
- d. Death Valley

2. The U.S. government continues to fund a multibillion-dollar anti-drug campaign to combat the “drug wars” in this South American country:

- a. Chile
- b. **Colombia**
- c. Peru
- d. Afghanistan

3. Known as the world's most heavily fortified border, the Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ, spans the border between which two countries?

- a. **North and South Korea**
- b. Russia and Ukraine
- c. Zambia and Zimbabwe
- d. United States and Mexico

4. A powerful earthquake originating in the _____ Ocean just north of Indonesia resulted in a devastating tsunami in 2004.

- a. Pacific
- b. Atlantic
- c. Mediterranean
- d. **Indian**

5. More than 1.5 million people have fled their homes and tens of thousands of people have been killed by Arab militias, accused of carrying out a campaign of ethnic cleansing against non-Arab groups in this region of Sudan:

- a. **Darfur**
- b. Khartoum
- c. Kurdufan
- d. Nile Valley

6. What is the capital city of Canada, the country that is the United States’ largest trading partner?

- a. **Ottawa**

- b. Vancouver
- c. Nova Scotia
- d. Seattle

7. Condoleezza Rice holds what position in the United States' government, dealing mostly with foreign affairs?

- a. Global Affairs Diplomat
- b. Secretary of State**
- c. Defense Minister
- d. Energy Secretary

8. In January 2006 in Saudi Arabia, 345 people were killed and at least 1,000 injured during the Muslim pilgrimage that is called _____.

- a. Islamabad
- b. Ramadan
- c. the Koran
- d. Hajj**

9. The technology company Google has been accused of helping which country censor the information its citizens can access on the Internet?

- a. Germany
- b. China**
- c. Japan
- d. Vietnam

10. Which country's Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, was taken to the hospital on January 4, 2006, after suffering a major stroke?

- a. Israel**
- b. Palestine
- c. United Kingdom
- d. Syria

11. Who was the President of Haiti who was forced out of office in February 2004 by political opponents within the country and under pressure from the U.S. and French governments?

- a. Rene Preval
- b. Wyclef Jean
- c. Jean-Bertrand Aristide**
- d. Port-Au-Prince

12. In July 2005, terrorists killed 56 people by bombing underground train stations and a bus in which European capital?

- a. London, United Kingdom**
- b. Madrid, Spain
- c. Vienna, Austria
- d. New Delhi, India

13. After being criticized for the agency's inadequate reaction to Hurricane Katrina, Michael Brown resigned his post as director of _____.

- a. ATF

- b. NAFTA
- c. FBI
- d. FEMA**

14. This United States government organization has recently been the subject of controversy over a program in which it has eavesdropped on phone conversations of American citizens without a warrant:

- a. National Security Agency**
- b. Federal Bureau of Investigation
- c. Internal Revenue Service
- d. American Civil Liberties Union

15. In 2005, two vacancies were created on the U.S. Supreme Court with the death of Chief Justice William Rehnquist and the resignation of Justice_____.

- a. Anthony Scalia
- b. Sandra Day O'Connor**
- c. Ruth Bader Ginsberg
- d. Clarence Thomas

16. Russia and China joined the European Union and the United States in demanding that _____fully suspend its nuclear activity.

- a. Iran**
- b. Pakistan
- c. India
- d. France

17. Which is NOT one of the three largest groups struggling for political power in Iraq?

- a. Shiites
- b. Sunnis
- c. Kurds
- d. Buddhists**

18. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina destroyed large parts of which American city?

- a. New York
- b. San Francisco
- c. New Orleans**
- d. Los Angeles

19. Who is the Secretary-General of the United Nations?

- a. Donald H. Rumsfeld
- b. Boutros-Ghali
- c. Kofi Annan**
- d. Arnold Schwarzenegger

20. Bill Gates, his wife, Melinda, and rock star Bono were named "Persons of the Year" by America's Time magazine largely for _____.

- a. their charitable work and efforts to reduce global poverty and improve health**

- b. their contributions to the fight against music and video piracy
- c. their efforts to reduce the use of landmines in Cambodia
- d. their total wealth equaling that of a small developing nation

21. On December 15, 2005, thousands of Iraqis turned out for the first multiparty election in almost 50 years. What is the capital city of Iraq?

- a. Baghdad**
- b. Tehran
- c. Kabul
- d. Beirut

22. Angela Merkel became the first female chancellor of what country?

- a. Liberia
- b. New Zealand
- c. Germany**
- d. Finland

23. On January 15, 2006, Michelle Bachelet was elected President of what South American Nation?

- a. Chile**
- b. Mexico
- c. Norway
- d. Jamaica

24. This woman, who died in October 2005, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama, helping to start the civil rights movement of the 1950's & 1960's:

- a. Ella Baker
- b. Harriet Tubman
- c. Mother Teresa
- d. Rosa Parks**

25. _____, whose son died fighting as a U.S. soldier in Iraq, protested outside George W. Bush's home in Texas in August 2005 and has become one of the loudest voices in the United States criticizing the war in Iraq.

- a. Nancy Pelosi
- b. Sidney Poitier
- c. Michael Moore
- d. Cindy Sheehan**

26. Riots erupted across the Middle East and a heated argument over freedom of speech was started when a Danish newspaper printed cartoons of this Muslim prophet in a negative light.

- a. Jesus
- b. Moses
- c. Muhammad**
- d. Buddha

27. A company headquartered in Dubai, a city in the Middle Eastern nation of _____ has created controversy with its plans to take over management of six U.S. ports.

- a. United Arab Emirates**

- b. Indonesia
- c. Qatar
- d. Portugal

28. Which island province of China has an ongoing debate and tensions over whether to unify or declare independence from the rest of China?

- a. Tibet
- b. Nepal
- c. Beijing
- d. Taiwan**

29. The United Nations recently released a report in which they recommended that the United States close its detention camp at this location in Cuba:

- a. Venezuela
- b. Guantanamo Bay**
- c. Havana
- d. Port Au Prince

30. After the Good Friday agreement, there is hope for a lasting peace between the Protestant and Catholic communities in this European nation:

- a. Wales
- b. Northern Ireland**
- c. Scotland
- d. Finland

31. The new pope, Pope Benedict XVI, took over as the leader of the world's Roman Catholics after Pope _____ died.

- a. John Paul II**
- b. Leo XII
- c. Pius VII
- d. Julius II

32. Since 1859, _____ has struggled for independence from Russia in an attempt to create an Islamic state.

- a. Chechnya**
- b. Latvia
- c. Mexico
- d. Poland

33. What is the name of the set of agreements, made at a series of international conferences, establishing rules for the treatment of prisoners of war, the sick, and the wounded?

- a. Geneva Conventions**
- b. Zurich Agreement
- c. Bern Rules of War
- d. Como Accords

34. Which of the following is not a principle of the United Nations?

- a. All member states have sovereign equality
- b. Countries must avoid using force or threatening to use force

- c. The U.N. will decide all global trade policy
- d. To coordinate all international organizations**

35. Who is the political and spiritual leader of Tibet who fled in 1959 after a failed uprising against Chinese rule?

- a. The Dali Lama**
- b. Lhasa
- c. Wu Tang
- d. Mahatma Gandhi

36. In the small African nation of Sierra Leone, money from the underground sale of _____ continues to fuel the civil war.

- a. rice
- b. diamonds**
- c. drugs
- d. produce

37. In 2005, a war crimes tribunal was set up to prosecute high level members of the former Iraqi regime, including its leader, _____.

- a. Tony Blair
- b. Saad Al-Fagih
- c. Jalal Talabani
- d. Saddam Hussein**

38. After three children died in Turkey, the European Union pledged 100 million dollars to help countries deal with the global threat of _____.

- a. avian flu**
- b. nuclear weapons
- c. AIDS
- d. Bubonic Plague

39. At the end of February 2006, the rebel Tamil Tigers and the official government in this nation made a commitment to honor a ceasefire and pursue peace talks:

- a. Sri Lanka**
- b. Madagascar
- c. New Zealand
- d. Philippines

40. This former Yugoslav President faces three indictments at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, including an indictment for genocide in Bosnia:

- a. Lech Walesa
- b. Vladimir Putin
- c. Mikail Gorbachev
- d. Slobodan Milosevic**

41. Breaking more than a year's silence, _____ warned Americans that Al Qaeda was planning more attacks on the United States, but he offered a "long truce" on undefined terms.

- a. Osama bin Laden**

- b. Adolf Hitler
- c. Abu Hamz Raba
- d. Saddam Hussein

42. Which of the following is not an example of a situation that would meet the definition of a “refugee”?

- a. Due to the war in Iraq, a family crosses the border into Jordan to escape the threat of violence.
- b. A man emigrates from United States to go to medical school in Europe because the medical schools in the U.S. are too expensive.**
- c. A member of the Falun Gong religious sect leaves China because the government has labeled his religion “evil”, saying it is illegal for him to practice it.
- d. A young woman in Sudan sends her child to live in another country so that he will not be forced to fight in the civil war there.

43. The struggle between Israelis and _____ began in 1948, when the State of Israel was proclaimed.

- a. Turks
- b. Americans
- c. Greeks
- d. Palestinians**

44. The nation of _____ is still suffering from shock after experiencing Africa’s worst genocide resulting from the conflict between two ethnic groups, the Tutsi minority and the Hutus.

- a. Rwanda**
- b. Tobago
- c. Libya
- d. Kenya

45. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who is the current President of _____, recently made controversial statements about Israel that have been condemned by many western governments, the United Nations Security Council and the European Union among others.

- a. Iran**
- b. Syria
- c. Afghanistan
- d. Saudi Arabia

46. In the _____ missile crisis in 1962, the United States and Russia engaged in a complicated series of diplomatic moves over the placement of Russian nuclear weapons within firing range of the U.S.

- a. Dominican
- b. Cuban**
- c. Russia-U.S.
- d. Canadian

47. This French-speaking province is Canada’s largest and has maintained an ongoing debate over whether to become an independent state:

- a. Manitoba

- b. Northwest Territory
- c. Alaska
- d. Quebec**

48. Hugo Chavez, who is President of _____, survived a coup attempt in 2002 and is one the United States' strongest critics among the World's head of States.

- a. Afghanistan
- b. Norway
- c. Brazil
- d. Venezuela**

49. Which African country bordering Egypt is suffering from what the U.S. House of Representatives has labeled genocide?

- a. Morocco
- b. Namibia
- c. Sudan**
- d. Democratic Republic of Congo

50. In October 2005, a 7.6 magnitude earthquake destroyed numerous villages in the Kashmir valley between these two countries:

- a. Pakistan and India**
- b. Afghanistan and Nepal
- c. Iran and Iraq
- d. Colombia and Venezuela

51. Who is the person in the picture to the right? →

- a. Tony Blair
- b. Vladimir Putin
- c. Paul Martin
- d. George W. Bush**



52. What is the title of this person's position? →

- a. Prime Minister of Canada
- b. President of the United States of America**
- c. Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
- d. President of Russia

53. Who is the person in the picture to the right? →

- a. Saddam Hussein**
- b. George Bush
- c. Dick Cheney
- d. Tony Blair



54. What is the title of this person's position? →


- a. Vice President of the United States of America
- b. Prime Minister of India**

- c. Former President of Iraq
- d. President of the United States of America

Use the table below to answer questions 55-57:

**The “Demographic Divide”:
The example of Tanzania and Poland**

	Tanzania	Poland
Population 2005 (millions)	36.5	38.2
Population 2050	71.4	32.4
Lifetime Births per Woman	5.7	1.2
Annual Number of Births	1,500,000	355,000
Percent of Population Below Age 15	45	14
Percent of Population Age 65+	3	20
Life Expectancy at Birth	44	82
Annual Number of Infant Deaths	105,000	2,400
Percent Living Below US\$2 a Day	73	<2

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55. Which country has the higher percentage of children in their population?
a. Tanzania
 b. Poland
56. Why do people live longer in Poland?
 a. Tanzania has more animals than Poland
b. Tanzania is a poorer country than Poland
 c. Women in Poland have less children
 d. Poland is colder than Tanzania
57. How long can a person expect to live in Tanzania?
 a. 78 years
 b. 30 years
c. 44 years
 d. 52 years
58. Which country in Africa has the highest percentage of the population with AIDS?
 a) Kenya
b) South Africa

- c) Egypt
- d) China

59. What is the largest country in South America?

- a) Peru
- b) Brazil**
- c) Argentina
- d) Mexico

60. Which country has the largest population in the world?

- a) India
- b) Russia
- c) United States of America
- d) China**

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